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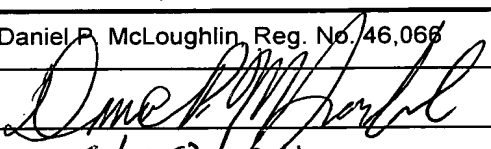
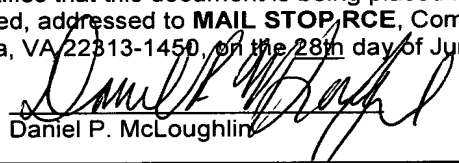
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/497,916
	Confirmation Number	8061
	Filing Date	February 4, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Antonino Torres, et al.
	Group Art Unit	2811
	Examiner Name	Ori Nadav

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, you may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
 - iii. ☐ Other:
 - b. Enclosed is/are:
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other: One Sheet of Replacement Drawing (Fig. 7)
One Sheet of Annotated Drawing (Fig. 7)
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months) and the Fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
 - b. ☐ Other:
3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$770.00 which covers:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee of \$770.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other
4. If the filing of this RCE necessitates an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), the applicant hereby requests such extension of time.
5. If there is no check enclosed, or if the amount of the enclosed check in this RCE is incorrect, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed April 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A discussion of the **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

A complete **Listing of the Claims** in this application begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings

Attached is one (1) replacement sheet and one (1) annotated sheet.

The drawings stand objected-to (Final Office Action, Section 1) under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) because the “emitter of the first bipolar transistor being directly connected to the isolation region, as recited in claims 12 and 17, must be shown in Fig. 7.” The Advisory Action elaborates upon these objections (page 2, second paragraph). In response to the Office Action and Advisory Action, Applicants have amended Fig. 7 as shown on the attached annotated sheet to produce Fig. 7 as shown on the attached replacement sheet. Specifically, Applicants have amended Fig. 7 to show a direct connection between the emitter of first bipolar transistor Q33 and isolation region ISO. Support for this amendment is found in Fig. 5.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to approve this amendment and to withdraw the objections to Fig. 7.